

Shortage of Postmen in Country

2753. SHRI BHAGWAN SHANKAR RAWAT: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that distribution of post has been adversely affected due to shortage of postmen in the country; and

(b) if so, the steps proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) and (b). The Department undertakes periodical review of establishment of all operative officer with a view to ascertaining justification for all categories of staff including Postmen. Based on such a review undertaken in the year 1989-90, the following number of posts of Postmen and Sorting Postmen were sanctioned on 22.8.1990:

1. Postmen 2359 posts

2. Sorting Postmen 151

Establishment review is a continuous process and all proposals for creation of posts is examined based on justification and merit. However, each case of delayed delivery and non delivery of mail is examined on receipt of specific complaints and suitable remedial measures are taken.

[English]

Demand of Telecom Employees

2754. SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether members of Bharatiya Telecom. Employees Federation are on agitation for the last several months pressing certain demands;

(b) if so, the details of thier demands; and

(c) the reaction of the Government in

this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) No, Sir. Presently, there is no agitation by the Members of BTEF. However, they had organised Dharna and lunch hour demonstration on 12.11.91 in front of Sanchar Bhavan, New Delhi and the various field offices of the Department.

(b) The details of the demands are given in the attached Statement - I

(c) As given in the enclosed Statement - II

STATEMENT - I

Demands presented by Bhartiya Telecom. Employees Federation.

1. Entry of BTEF in JCM.

2. Restructuring of Cadres as per BTEF suggestions and extention of OTBP Scheme to LDC/UDC Cadre in Administrative offices.

3. Restructuring of Department:

(a) Future of MTNL-Payment of Wages & Fringe benefits at par with other PSU's w.e.f. 1-4-1986.

(b) Payment of Rs. 100/-P.M. to all Telecom. Employees.

4. Regularisation of Casual Labourers including skilled/Semi Skilled workers.

5. (a) Bonus to Casual Workers at par with their respective Cadres.

(b) Raising of ceiling limits for payment of Bonus.

6. Acceptance of amendments in the constitution of B.T.T.E.U. Group 'D'.